

Spotlight... on Probation & Parole:

District 10R

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District 10R was born in 1986, weighing four officers, one supervisor, and three clerical staffers long. The proud parents were **Jack Ott**, who at the time of delivery was a Unit Supervisor, and **Gina Sreaves**, Clerical Supervisor, with their first home being housed at the Assemblies of God Church on Battlefield Road in Springfield.

The original District 10R family was Jack Ott, who was head of the household; **Mike Richardson**, **John Kolkmeier**, **Pam Byers**, and **Dardi Smith** were the sibling officers; and **Gina Sreaves** and **Melinda Stenbeck** were the “keep the home fires burning” clerical.

Expansion of the Springfield area necessitated that the office move to a bigger location in 1990, which was at 2873 S. Meadowbrook, just a short block off of Battlefield Road. Rumors circulating that the church asked this unruly family to move, is not all that true. The District 10R family grew by adopting staff from District 10. In August of 2000, District 10R moved to its present address of 1735 W. Catalpa, which is a shared facility with two other state agencies.

Jack Ott, by now a District Administrator for District 10R, retired in 2000 and **Teresa Lewis**, the Clerical Supervisor of the time, transferred to OCC. Dardi Smith promoted to District Administrator and **Sally Quick** the Clerical Supervisor. Dardi Smith became the Southwest Regional Administrator in 2004, when **Tom Heddy** retired in August of that year and **Bill Abbett** became the District Administrator. **Jo Choi** promoted from District 10 to be the Senior Office Support Administrator in April of 2000.

District 10R currently has been blessed with 37 family members: Bill Abbett, District Administrator; **Nancy Chandler**, **Darren Neal**, and **Mike Polk** are Unit Supervisors. The supervising staff is as follows:

Dangerous Felons Officers: **Milly Sarber**

Drug Court Officers: **Lloyd Miller**, **William “Bill” Fehrenbach** and **Dee Baas**

DWI Court Officers: **Theresa Lehmen**, **Scott Burchard**, and **John Brower**

EMP Officers: **Alison Sayer**, **James Hoffman** and **Mary Mead**

Intensive Supervision Officers: **Patricia Chrisope**, **Sherrie Dodd**, **Kelly Collins**, **Andre Jones**,
Susan Smith and **Mary McJimsey**

Interstate Compact Officers: **Mike Petersen** and **Marla Pursley**

Mental Health Court Officers: **Patricia Hunter** and **Don Johnson**

Parole Officers: **Becky Moore**, **Melinda Lutes**, **Andy Morton**, **John Lewis** and
Joe Jones

Sex Offenders Officers: **Holly Hewett**, **Sharmon Turner** and **Mike Green**

The Office Support staff includes Jo Choi, Supervisor; **Janet Anderson**, **Beverly Hood**, **Mary Kenslow**, **Shannon Kukovich** and **Ruth Lacey**. **Mel Stoll** is the current UA Collector replacing **Jimmy Frazier** and **Doug Phemister**, who are now retired full-time. All three had retired from the Department and returned at different times to keep idle hands (eyes) busy.

District 10R also houses and works for the Southwest Regional staff at this location which consist of Dardi Smith, Regional Administrator; **Sally Quick**, Personnel Representative; **Robin Matney**, Account Clerk II; **Tracey Oxendine**, Training Coordinator; and the Fugitive Unit, which consists of **Terry Kenslow** and **H.L. Ivie**. That's a total of 45 family members in one location. You won't see that in a family court!

District 10R has in the past and continues to be the target location for new programs being introduced to the Department. **Glenda Chapman**, now retired and **Mike Tyner** once worked out of District 10R as Substance Abuse Treatment Coordinators for Ozark Correctional Center. Retired Unit Supervisor **Dot Powell** headed the Day Report program in 1997. **Jack Payne**, now retired, was an Employment Counselor from the Division Workforce Development Career Center, working out of District 10R. District 10R currently supervises the "specialty caseloads" and has an estimated 1,300 clients under supervision. All parole releases with a home plan in Greene County report to District 10R. All Dangerous Felons, Sex Offenders, Mental Health cases, Electronic Monitoring participants, Intensive Supervision-Level cases and all incoming Interstate cases living in Greene County are supervised by District 10R. Staff at District 10R supervises Drug Court, DWI Court and Mental Health Court participants through the Greene County C.R.I.S. program.

District 10R is proud to support the Victim Center and Victim Memorial Garden of Springfield. Hard work is put into raising funds by conducting an annual in-house Book Fair and staff attends the breakfast and the Victim Center's annual fundraiser by hosting two tables for Probation and Parole and collecting up to \$1,000 for the event each year. Many staff members participate in and the rest of staff support the Relay For Life organization. A silent auction of donated items and a raffle of a Thomas Kincaid picture raised a considerable amount for the Relay. Every year, District 10R, in conjunction with District 10, sponsors a "car wash and cook out" for local area law enforcement to show appreciation for all they do. For staff's own pleasure, an annual soup contest and a chili cook-off is held to bring the District cooks out of the woodwork.

Besides the opportunity to contribute to the community through the supervision process and the collective resources of supporting community-based charitable organizations, the most valuable asset of District 10R is the ability to work together efficiently and effortlessly. The professionalism stemming from staff that transfers to this office, promote from within, and eventually retire from this District creates an internal respect for one another that is the glue that keeps this family (District) together and proud of their work.
